<u>REMARKS</u>

Applicant respectfully requests that the above sheets entitled "Amendments to the Claims" be replaced for those sheets of similar title in the October 07, 2004, Response. Applicant respectfully submits that such action will overcome the issues raised in the Response to Amendment of January 12, 2005.

Request for In-Person Interview

Applicant requests that Examiner Omgba extend an interview to Applicant's representative at some point during the first two weeks of March, 2005. To this end, Applicant's representative will contact Examiner Omgba to arrange an interview. An Interview Request Form is attached.

Conclusion

Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Examiner Omgba is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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